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Quick Questions

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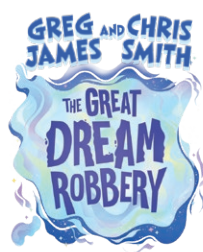
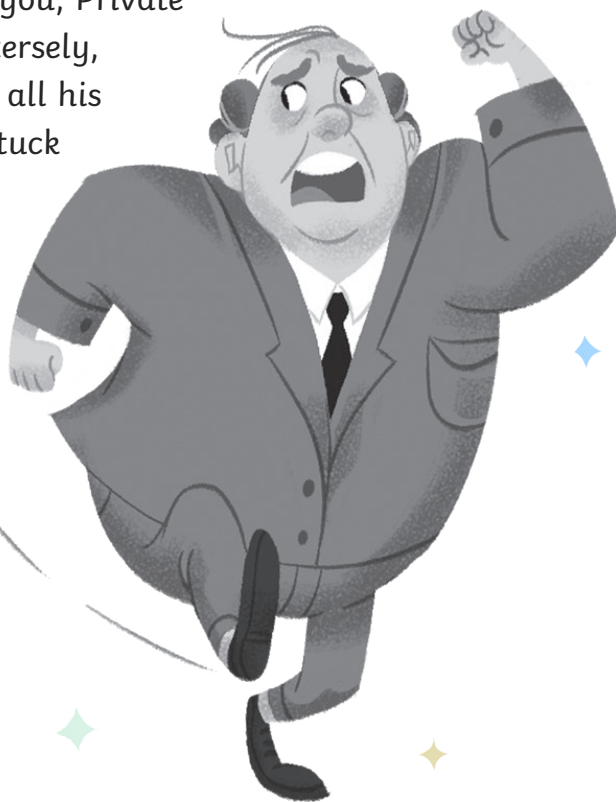


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Answers

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Pupils' own responses, such as: Pheare is feeling agitated because his teeth are gritted and he is losing his patience because he responds to Private Hancock 'tersely'.

2. Who was Private Hancock?

Pheare's second-in-command

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Pupils' own responses, such as: The author describes the broom as not giving up without a fight, as if it is holding on like a person would.

